

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR INSERTING  
WATERMARKS IN DIGITAL SIGNALS  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee for an RCE set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 13, 2010, concerning the above-referenced patent application. November 13, 2010 is three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: